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On the other hand, advices from Bombay indicate a very strong market, the level of prices there being much higher than our local quotations. That being so, and in view of the advance of American cotton, we see no prospect of prices giving way. In fact, given a fair country demand, our market is bound to fall in line with the higher prices ruling elsewhere.

In the meantime, we close with a quiet but steady market. Total Sales 1,700 bales. Unpaid Stocks 14,000 bales. Sold but undelivered in the Godown and to arrive 40,000 bales.

Arrivals.—The mail str. "Delta" and extra str. "Rongson Maru" from Bombay, and str. "Apar" from Calcutta have brought in 6,700 bales for Hongkong, and 7,000 bales for Shanghai. Shipments from Hongkong to Shanghai, and coast ports are 1,500 bales.

Local Mill.—About 300 bales of 10s & 15s @ 8127 and 8133 respectively, have been placed on the market. Shanghai.—A moderate demand is reported.

Japanese Yarn.—No sales.

Raw Cotton.—Bengal.—The Japanese market being a keen buyer at higher prices, the few parcels which arrived here, have all been shipped to Japan.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

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vate Secretary," died at St. Leonards-on-

Sea on November 11th after a long and

painful illness, as already reported in a

Reuter's telegram in these columns.

The doctory had given up all hope of

his recovery, and the cheery little come-

dian, who had brought so much bright-

ness and lightness of heart and laughter

into the world, was quite resigned to his

fate.

They've rung the bell the curtain's

down—

I'm waiting for my call.

The words of the song are a fitting

accompaniment to the end for which the

actor waited so bravely.

William Sydney Penley—"Little Pen-

ley," as he was always called—was born

at St. Peter's, Margate, on November 19,

1852.

The son of a schoolmaster, he was

educated at his father's school in Charles-

street, Westminster, afterwards assisting

there as a teacher.

He learnt singing as a member of the

choir of the Chapel Royal, Savoy, and

was a bass singer in the choir of a church

in Westminster, and at Bedford Chapel,

Bloomsbury. At one time he wanted

to sing in opera. "But my figure was

too short," he said, "and my face too

funny."

When he was only twenty his first

chance on the stage came as foreman of

the jury in Gilbert and Sullivan's "Trial

by Jury," at the Royalty Theatre, in

1872.

Other operas in which Penley appeared

successfully were "H.M.S. Pinafore,"

"The Vicar of Bray," "Rip Van

Winkle," and "Falka," in which his

Brother Policeman stood out as a mem-

orable performance, full of rich, unctious

humour.

Then came the turning point of his

career when, on May 19, 1894, he forsook

opera for the "legitimate," and succeeded

the then Mr. Beerbohm Tree as the

Rev. Robert Spalding in "The Private

Secretary," a farce which had been adapted

from the German by Mr. Charles

Hewitry.

His playing of the part of the little

curate who "didn't like London" evoked

"tears of laughter," and many older

players still affectionately associate him

primarily with his playing at this period

at the Globe Theatre.

It was while Penley was playing this

part that King Edward, then Prince of

Wales, was the victim of a strange mis-

take. Entering the royal box one evening

he sat for some time, until at last, as

no Penley had appeared, the Prince sent

for the manager, and asked "Where's

Mr. Penley?"

The manager, considerably astonished,

suddenly found that the royal box had

been booked at the wrong theatre! He

explained that the Prince was at the

Opera Comique—where a melodrama was

being played—instead of at the old Globe,

the theatre next door.

The Prince laughed heartily at the

explanation, and went next evening to

see Penley.

Eight years later, on February 23,

1892, he produced "Charley's Aunt,"

the famous farce, the very name of which

even now—twenty years after—provokes

a smile whenever the English language

is spoken.

NOTICE

THE OFFICE OF CHINESE MAR-

TIME CUSTOMS for Kowloon and

District will be CLOSED to public business

for the New Year Holidays on the 1st, 2nd

and 3rd January, 1913.

E. GORDON LUNN,

Commissioner of Customs and Excise,

York Buildings.

Hongkong, December 19, 1912.

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## Intimations.

## THEATRE ROYAL

## 'AN IDEAL

## HUSBAND'

A PLAY IN 4 ACTS.

BY

## Oscar Wilde.

TO BE PRODUCED BY

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ON

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AT 9 P.M.

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Hongkong, November 2, 1912.

guilds, wily intimidators and so forth; while, who knows? the real reason of all the trouble lies in the direction of no such subtleties but is more likely to be found on consideration of obvious facts. Without detailing those obvious facts, we again state that the action against the Tramway Company is spontaneous, and its main cause lay, and lies, in the irritation experienced by the Chinese in being called upon to use Hongkong currency exclusively when using the cars. Not only did they resent, and apparently continue still to resent, that action, but they considered that the new regulation was inadequately advertised. From certain letters that have been sent to us—which have appeared in our columns—we note that this view is shared by others.

If our view is correct, and we are more than ever convinced that it is, what is the remedy? So long as there is no disorder, the Boycott Ordinance remains inoperative; but that will not pull the Tramway Company out of their present trouble. It would therefore appear that unless through the columns of the Chinese newspapers or by public meetings, at which leading Chinese could convince large numbers of their compatriots of the childishness of the continuance of the animosity towards a commercial concern that is so great a convenience to all, time and time alone is likely to prove the remedy. A certain amount of intimidation may indirectly be proceeding; but there is little indication that that is so; and if it becomes manifest in its most visible form, the Police may be relied upon to deal with the matter. If it is merely being exercised in ways that are peculiar to the Chinese, foreigners had better leave the matter alone.

We have already stated in this column that we should deprecate the rescinding of the regulation by the Tramway Company, for that way lies future difficulties; and we would deprecate more emphatically the operation of the new Ordinance unless for absolutely certain reasons, namely, that serious disturbances had arisen because of the Tramway trouble and owing to nothing else. Such an Ordinance as has been passed may very easily become an instrument of coercion, to put it mildly; therefore, while we have no doubt that every care will be taken against its improper use, we take this opportunity of saying that injudicious action, even to a slight extent, may lead to serious results.

We are certain that if the Company could enlist leading local Chinese newspapers and leading Chinese men actively to assist themselves on behalf of the Company by indicating to their countrymen the folly of their conduct and how unjust it is to an important business concern that must of necessity depend upon their patronage, the affair would fizzle out naturally, just as the rowdy element was fazed out at the beginning of the trouble by the prompt action of the police.

THOUGH the Boycott Prevention Ordinance is now law, there is no foreigner and no right-thinking Chinese, we hope, who will not deeply regret if its provisions may have at any time to be exercised. If they are, there need be no doubt but that they will be exercised to the fullest extent. We congratulate the Government upon the manner in which they introduced and carried through the Ordinance, and also upon the manner in which the very proper questions of the Hon. Sir Kai Ho Kai were answered. The more we ponder over the present boycott, the more are we inclined to come back to our original view, expressed in this column some little time ago, namely, that the Chinese opposition or boycott of the cars is merely a spontaneous expression of their disapproval of the Tramway Company's action and that there is no real organization behind it. Some people apparently find a certain fascination in looking for all sorts of out-of-the-way reasons for the continuance of the fix in which the Tramway Company find themselves, and make confusion worse confounded by their conjectures on political intrigues emanating from Canton, the Machiavellian machinations of unscrupulous

### NEWS OF THE DAY.

The French Mail of the 10th November was delivered in London on the 18th December.

For being in unlawful possession of opium, a man was fined \$28 by Mr. Hazell this morning.

A rumour is current to the effect that a mining project is to be started in the New Territory shortly.

The three women and a man who are charged in connection with the Cheung Chau piracy were again remanded to-day.

A man who resided in Possession Street has been arrested on a charge of obtaining ten rolls of silk by the confidence trick from a Chinese shop.

Mr. Hogarth withdrew a charge of being in unlawful possession of opium which had been brought against two well-to-do Chinese at the Magistracy to-day. The opium had been purchased from the farm.

The annual ball of the Hongkong Police, which is to take place on December 27th at the City Hall, promises to be a most successful function. The arrangements are in the hands of a capable and energetic committee.

It was inadvertently stated in yesterday's issue (S-second Edition) that the telegram referring to the new Japanese Ministry was supplied to us through "Reuters" agency, whereas it was from the "Independent News Agency of Tokyo."

Mr. Malbourne at the Magistracy this afternoon resumed the hearing of evidence in the case in which a Chinese is prosecuting his brother for forging power of attorney, and thereby converting to his own use money bequeathed to the prosecutor and his nephew. The case was further adjourned.

It is announced in our advertising columns that the Exchange Banks will be closed for the holidays on Wednesday and Thursday 20th and 21st instant, and on Wednesday, January 1st, 1913. The Kowloon Canton Railway will run an additional train leaving Kowloon at 10.15 a.m. for Sham Chun, calling at the golf course crossing, Fanling, on Christmas day, Boxing day, and New Year's day.

Dr. Henry Haigh, ex-President of the Wesleyan Methodist Conference, arrived in Hongkong on Wednesday, and proceeded to Canton the same evening. He will return on Saturday, and preach twice in the Wesleyan Church on Sunday; in the morning at 10.15 and in the evening at 8. He will also address a public meeting in the Church next Monday at 8 o'clock. Dr. Haigh is stated to be a speaker of a high order. A welcome is offered to all to attend the meetings.

In the Summary Court to-day the Police Judge gave judgment in a case against a European man and a Japanese woman which occupied his attention some weeks ago. The claim was against both defendants for the recovery of the balance of the cost of goods delivered to the woman by the Japanese proprietress of the house in which the woman formerly lived. At the hearing his Lordship dismissed the male defendant from the action, and he now said that the whole transaction was tainted with immorality and as he was unable to separate the items in the account he would have to give judgment for defendant.

The Bill to provide punishment for certain persons found guilty of adultery or of harbouring Chinese married women was read a second time, taken through all its stages and passed at yesterday's Legislative Council meeting. The Attorney General in explaining the Bill stated that some of the principles it contained were novel. It instituted proceedings and created offences which were not previously offences. The principal part of it provided that the husband should be able to obtain some sort of redress for the adultery of his wife and it provided penalties for the man and a smaller penalty for the woman.

Mr. O. J. K. Van Aalst, who came to Hongkong to establish the Nederlandsche Handelsmaatschappij, has been appointed by Queen Wilhelmina to be President of the undertaking in place of Mr. J. T. Crenner. He will take up his duties on 1st January.

At the Marine Court to-day an accountant on a trading junk was summoned for anchoring his boat to the Prosperine rocks—a prohibited place. The case was adjourned for defendant to call his master.

Six recruits from the Royal Irish Constabulary for the Hongkong Police arrived in the colony yesterday. Their names are W. Shannon, M. H. Hourigan, L. P. Lane, J. Brennan, W. J. Harrow, and C. Fallon.

Before Mr. Hazell at the Magistracy to-day, a Chinese was charged with obtaining money by false pretences at West Point. Mr. Lewis, of Messrs. Johnson Stokes and Master, prosecuted, and the man was sentenced to two months' imprisonment.

**SOMETHING DEPENDABLE.**  
CHAMBERLAIN'S Cough Remedy never disappoints those who use it for asthmatic coughs, colds and irritations of the throat and lungs. It stands unrivalled as a remedy for all these and lung diseases. For sale by all Chemists and Druggists.

### THE TRAMWAY BOYCOTT.

#### Company Offers Free Rides.

The Tramway Company is offering to the Chinese free rides on the cars. Notices in Chinese have been posted in all the trams stating that Chinese passengers will be conveyed free on December 21st, 22nd, and 23rd.

#### A FIELD DAY.

Arrangements are being made for a Field Day in the neighbourhood of Fan Ling on Sunday the 23rd instant when the Volunteer Reserves will be opposed to the Scouts, who will be in camp for annual training. The Reserves will proceed by train to Fan Ling on Sunday morning.

#### "THE COURT CARDS."

Mr. Phil Carlton, the Representative for "The Court Cards" has arrived and is making arrangements for the Company's performance which will take place at the Theatre Royal, commencing Tuesday, Dec. 24th. There will be a complete change of programme every night. The Company come here with a good reputation from the towns previously visited, the Press being unanimous in saying that they are one of the most talented and versatile combinations that has ever visited the East, the main feature being the refinement of the whole performance. The Booking Place is to-morrow at Moutrie and Co. Lovers of good music and clever acting have evidently a treat in store.

### HONGKONG FIRM'S AFFAIR.

#### Receiving Order Against Messrs. Arndt.

When an action brought by J. M. S. Xavier against Messrs. Arndt and Company was called on in the Summary Court this morning the Police Judge intimated that an interim receiving order had been made against the defendant firm, and adjourned the case sine die.

The plaintiff, who was represented by Mr. Leo D'Almeida, solicitor, claimed \$300, the balance of money lent. Mr. W. E. L. Stanton appeared for the defendant firm.

### SPORTING.

#### Cricket.

CHANGINGOVER C.C. v. POLICE R.C. This league fixture was played yesterday on the C.C.C. ground commencing at 2 p.m.

#### Football.

33rd Coy. R.G.A. v. H.M.S. MINOTAU.

This match was played at Lyman yesterday for United Service League points. With a strong wind, opening play favoured the gunners and Poole and Buckley nearly gave them an early lead. After good play by Mullins Mardle opened the gunners' account from Bickley's pass. In a breakaway by the sailors' Daugherty failed to clear, and Smith rushing up equalised the score. Within a few minutes the gunners had taken the lead again, a shot from Mardle going into the net off a defender. At half-time the score was—33rd Coy. R.G.A. 2 H.M.S. Minotaur 1.

Resuming, the sailors had most of the play, weakness at half-back letting the soldiers away occasionally. Good play between Burbridge, Stevenson and Bransell led up to the equaliser, Burbridge putting the ball into the net. The sailors experienced bad luck, good shots by Stevenson and Bransell finding the net only to be negated by being offside. When time was called the sailors were most undeserved losers, with the score—33rd Coy. R.G.A. 3; H.M.S. Minotaur 2.

#### "ARGUS."

HONGKONG POLICE v. 87th Coy. R.G.A.

This Second Division match was played on the Military ground yesterday. The Police won the toss and played with a strong wind in their favour, good defence by Richards and Dockerty keeping out the Police forwards. In an attack by the gunners, Nutty got in a good shot, Swan saving. McLennan took play to the gunners and where Grimmett missed an open goal. Marsh was saving repeatedly for the gunners. Grimmett and Booker made good attempts but at half time there had been no scoring.

In the second half the wind dropped slightly. Richards put Clarke in possession and his centre was saved by Swan who dropped the ball when charged by Nutty and Moore and Marsh saved from Booker. Following which the gunners resumed their offensive. Swan saved finely from Nutty and Clarke but ten minutes from time had to admit defeat with a shot from Moore. Williams left the field badly hurt and Grimmett missed the goal when well placed. Result—87th Coy. R.G.A. 2 H.K. Police 0. Teams—87th Coy. R.G.A.: Marsh, Westbrook, and Dockerty; Gathers, Richards and McLennan; Clarke, Cartwright, Nutty, Wilkes and Moore.

H.K. Police—Swan; Clarke and Carey; McLennan, Downey and Reynolds; Hoyle, Barker, Grimmett, French and Wilson.

### RECOMMENDED EVERYWHERE.

MR. P. A. Uys, living at Lisleview, Frankfurt District, Orange River Colony, Africa, says: "We can give evidence to the benefit of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. We have used it several times for our children and ourselves and have found it excellent. We expect to continue using it and can recommend it to anyone in the world." For sale by all Chemists and Druggists.

### ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE.

#### Annual Prize Distribution.

The Governor on Hongkong's Educational Needs.

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Henry May, presided at the annual distribution of prizes in connection with St. Joseph's College, and presented the awards to the pupils. His Excellency was attended by his A.D.C., Captain Somerset, and among others present were his Lordship's Bishop Pozzani, Brother Christian (Director of the College), Mr. E. A. Irving (Director of Education) and Professor C. A. M. Smith, of Hongkong University. The proceedings were to have commenced at noon, but His Excellency was detained and arrived somewhat late. They were opened by a piano-forte overture by Professor Baptista, after which the pupils sang two part songs very pleasingly.

#### THE DIRECTOR'S REPORT.

The Director of the College, in his annual report, stated that he was pleased to be able to report general progress. The school numbers ran up to 604, and this necessitated the opening of two temporary classes in the basement of the College. These for sanitary reasons were condemned by the Director of Education and they were accordingly closed in July. This caused a fall in their numbers from 604 to 560—the highest number which could be accommodated. The staff had been strengthened during the year by the addition of one European master and one local teacher. In congratulating the members of the staff on their hearty co-operation for the success of the College, he said he had nothing but praise for the earnest way in which each teacher acquitted himself of his duty. The Oxford classes still maintained a high degree of efficiency. At the examination held in July, 42 passes were secured. Twelve obtained Senior certificates and the title of Associate in Arts, as against six in 1911. Lim Chong Sang, obtained Honours, and Tang Che Ko distinction in Classical Chinese. This success in the Senior formed a record. Ten candidates passed in the Junior and 18 in the Preliminary. All the Seniors with the exception of two, secured a pass in English, while many of them obtained the distinction "very good." The Junior and Preliminary boys also secured high. A very gratifying feature was the success obtained by Cheung Kai who in the Higher Local examination secured a pass in the required sections (including English) after only four months' preparation—a highly creditable achievement. The shorthand and typewriting classes had done well and were still doing so.

#### Short-hand and Typewriting.

Short-hand speed certificates during the year, while five were awarded the much-coveted full certificate of proficiency. Twenty boys followed a regular course in typewriting. Thanks were expressed to Mr. A. Ramsay of the "Daily Press" and his Committee, for their interest in these subjects, and for the facilities they afforded in connection with the examinations. On the football field no less than in the class-room, the boys distinguished themselves during the year. For the third time they won the Hongkong Schools football shield, and other trophies which they secured were the Claret Cup and the Ellis Kodocro and Civil Service Cups. At the annual promotion examination in July 460 boys were examined, 85 per cent. of whom were promoted to higher classes. In June the Director of Education visited the College for his annual inspection, and after reporting favourably on the general work, once again declared the school to be thoroughly efficient. After thanking His Excellency for his attendance, the Director expressed his gratitude to the following gentlemen for generous contributions to the prize fund:—His Lordship the Bishop, Bishop Pozzani; Consul-General J. Leiris; Mr. Gonzales do Berrido, Consul for Chili; the Catholic Union; Mr. N. H. Moyle; Mr. N. J. Stubb, Chief Manager, Hongkong and Shanghai Bank; Messrs. J. M. Machado, Ellis Kodocro, Mr. de Roche, Bellini, Ellis Kodocro, Mr. Fook, C. R. Warren, C. Bunjo, Mr. Xavier, of the Hongkong Printing Press; and Mr. F. Braga.

#### HONGKONG'S EDUCATIONAL NEEDS.

Sir Henry May said he thought the report of the Director was a very satisfactory one. The successes achieved in the Oxford examinations were a great source of credit to the college, and also a source of satisfaction to the community and the government. He was rejoiced to learn that shorthand and typewriting were receiving so much attention. He might tell them that in order to save time in the government departments the government purposed cultivating shorthand and typewriting in their offices more than they had hitherto done and there was therefore good employment open to boys who were proficient. He congratulated the college also upon its success in the domain of sport. There was nothing like healthy exercise to promote good health, tone, and discipline in a school. If a boy was not obedient to his football captain he would be obedient to nobody else. It was to be regretted of course that boys had to be turned away from the college owing to the lack of accommodation. The local authority approached the government for a very heavy building grant, and he was very sorry to say that he had not been able to grant much of what they had asked for. The government had done a great deal in recent years in building up the system of secondary and higher education of the colony and it was time, he thought, that they took in hand the proper organisation of primary education. He thought also that the whole educational system of the colony required more appreciation. The government did

not at the present time know what was really taught in many of the schools. That was not as it should be. The education of the young people of the colony, no matter what their nationality, should be supervised and kept in proper channels. This would involve expenditure, and therefore the government could not meet the demands made to them by established institutions such as that, though they would like to do so. He wished the institution every success in the coming year. It was one of the best educational institutions in the colony, and was well doing was thoroughly appreciated by the government (applause). His Lordship, Bishop Pozzani, thanked His Excellency on behalf of the Director and brothers of the college for honouring them with his presence and for the interest he had shown in the work of the school, and congratulated the pupils and staff upon the success of their work during the year.

#### SCHOOL SUCCESSSES.

Following is a list of the special prizes awarded during the year:

His Lordship the Bishop's prize for religious knowledge O. Musso; the Bishop's prize for excellent weekly report (Mr. J. M. de Roche's scholarship); Class 6b: Leung Pan; Class 6a: W. Drummer; Class 5b: Chow Hong To; Class 5a: L. Rozario; Class 4b: Ng Shui Cheung; Class 4a: C. Rozo; Class 3: W. Mihal; Class 2 and 1: Chan Che Cheung; Mr. Bellini's Senior scholarship of \$50 for English; O. Musso; Mr. Bellini's Junior scholarship of \$25 for English; F. Bunjo; Religious Knowledge A. Sequeira; the Loyard scholarship of \$30 (first year) J. Sze; the Loyard scholarship of \$30 (second year) F. Sze; the Loyard scholarship of \$30 for English Literature presented by his son Mr. N. H. Moyle; O. Musso; Gold medal presented by Consul-General J. J. Leiris (Chung Kai) gold medal presented by Mr. J. M. de Roche for stenography; A. Sze; gold medal presented by Mr. G. Sequeira for general proficiency in Oxford Senior A. Sequeira; prize presented by Mr. C. Bunjo for general proficiency in Oxford Junior; Lam Shiu Kwoong gold medal presented by the College for Mathematics in Oxford Senior Young-Po Nam.

### HONGKONG'S WIRELESS STATION.

#### Project Assuming Concrete Form.

Owing to pressure on our space yesterday afternoon we were unable to give more than a brief summary of the important announcement made by H.E. the Governor to the members of the Legislative Council upon the subject of the wireless telegraph station which it is proposed the erect in Hongkong. We now print His Excellency's speech in full:

His Excellency said:—At the commencement of the present year a Committee, consisting of two Government and two Naval members and one Military member, was appointed to enquire into the question of the erection of a wireless telegraph station in Hongkong. It had previously been ascertained that a high power station was not suitable for commercial work, as it could receive messages only from high power stations. The Committee reported that for commercial purposes a medium power station, having a range of 850 miles, was the most suitable; and the committee of the Chamber of Commerce concurred in this recommendation. This range was suggested because it would give communication with Shanghai, Formosa, the Philippine Islands, and probably with French Indo-China by day, and with Japan and Singapore by night.

In February the Secretary of State for the Colonies suggested the erection of a 1½ kilowatt station with a range of about 300 miles. The estimated cost of such a station was some £2,000 as compared with some £18,000 for the station recommended by the Committee. On the 28th August, I personally discussed the question with five members of the Committee of the Chamber of Commerce. I suggested that, in view of existing cable facilities, a low power station, giving reasonable facilities for communication between ship and shore, was sufficient for commercial purposes.

Notes of the discussion were forwarded to the Secretary of State, who had previously been informed of the recommendation of the Committee and the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Harcourt has now suggested that the power of the station should be five kilowatts, which is the power of the stations already erected at Colombo and Suva. He states that he is suggesting to the Governor of the Straits Settlements that the station to be erected at Singapore should be of similar power. He adds that the British North Borneo Company are proposing to erect three 5 kilowatt stations at Sandakan, Jesselton, and Selimpapan. He proposes that the Crown Agents for the Colonies should call for tenders forthwith for the erection of such a station. When all these stations have been erected ships with a wireless installation at any point of the sea between Hongkong, Singapore, and North Borneo will be within call of one or other of the stations, at any rate during the night, and will only be out of reach of a station during day time. If at all for a short portion of their voyage. If, therefore, the Imperial Government erects a high power station at Hongkong in connection with the Imperial Wireless Scheme it will be available for long distance commercial work. I shall be glad to learn whether Hon. Mr. de Roche is in favour of the proposal that the Government should erect a high power station at Hongkong for all purposes of communication. His Excellency's statement was cordially received.



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## THE LONDON CONFERENCE.

## A CRISIS FEARED.

LONDON, Dec. 20.  
The result of today's Conference is awaited with considerable apprehension as feeling among the representatives of the Balkan States is running very high, in view of a belief prevailing that the Turks are deliberately delaying. The Balkan representatives will not listen to any Turkish proposals which may suggest the retention of Adrianople, or the re-constituting of Turkish troops. Thus today's sitting may possibly lead to a crisis.

## WELSH DISESTABLISHMENT.

## THE GOVERNMENT'S CONCESSION.

LONDON, Dec. 19.  
The concession offered by the Government with respect to giving the Church £15,000 more than was originally proposed was adopted without a division. The Welshmen dissociated themselves from the concession but considered it to be their duty to accept the Bill in view of the necessity of obtaining religious equality.

## BRITISH POLITICS.

## THE GOVERNMENT'S HOPES.

LONDON, Dec. 19.  
In the House of Commons Mr. Asquith announced that when they re-assembled on the 30th December they would proceed with the Home Rule Bill. He hoped that the Home Rule Bill, the Welsh Disestablishment Bill and the Franchise Bill would be completed early in February, and that they would also be able to complete the Trades Unions, Railways, and Pilotage Bills, but they could not undertake that the Trade Unions Bill would be brought within the Parliament Act.

## THE NAVAL "INCIDENT."

## MR. CHURCHILL AND THE CORRESPONDENCE.

LONDON, Dec. 19.  
At question time in the House of Commons, Mr. Churchill said he saw no reason to shrink from placing on the table the correspondence between Vice-Admiral Sir F. Bridgeman and himself, but he did not propose to do so as it was private correspondence.

## THE FRENCH PRESIDENCY.

LOUVE, Dec. 19.  
M. Leon Bourgeois has declined to accept the candidature for the French presidency for 1920.

## COAL MINE EXPLOSION IN GERMANY.

LONDON, Dec. 19.  
A message from Berlin says that an explosion has occurred in a coal mine in Saxony, over 30 being killed. Forty-three dead and 19 injured were brought up.

## RUSSIA'S HISTORIC INTERESTS.

## WELCOMING BRITISH INITIATIVE.

LONDON, Dec. 19.  
M. Kokovtsov, President of the Council, speaking in the Duma, said that Russia, as a great Slavonic Power, cannot be indifferent as to whether the Balkan States obtain conditions of existence consonant with their achievements by bloodshed, and thereby be saved from dangerous complications in the future, nor can the Government undertake Russia's historic interests. They have no reason to change their calm attitude. They are confident of the support of their friends, and hoped the Powers would arrive at a settlement, recognizing their interests, with the greatest of ease and the least of delay. "The Government most warmly welcome the British initiative."

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## LONDON NEWSPAPERS.

## QUESTION OF XMAS PUBLICATION.

LONDON, Dec. 20.  
All the London newspapers, with the exception of "The Times" and the "Daily Telegraph," have agreed not to publish on Christmas day.

## BRITISH ARMY COUNCIL.

## A NEW MEMBER.

LONDON, Dec. 19.  
Lieut-Colonel Von Donop has been appointed the fourth member of the Army Council.

## PORTUGUESE AFFAIRS.

## A RUMOUR OF COUP D'ETAT.

LONDON, Dec. 19.  
Reuter's correspondent at Lisbon telegraphs that the Premier has postponed his visit to Oporto. It is rumoured that this is in connection with a projected coup d'etat at Lisbon by extreme Republicans.

The troops have been confined to barracks for five days. An explosion took place in a powder magazine in the suburb of Chellas, in which one man was killed.

A bomb was exploded at Rocio, and a station official was fatally injured.

## SEAMEN AND THEIR PAY.

## SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE PROMISED.

LONDON, Dec. 19.  
The executive of the Seamen's and Firemen's Union have issued a circular referring to the announcement that the Shipping Federation would grant the men a substantial increase of pay in the new year, and threatening a strike unless the owners agree to confer with the representatives of the men on the 30th December regarding the amount of the increase.

## CANADA AND EMPIRE DEFENCE.

LONDON, Dec. 19.  
Reuter's correspondent at Ottawa telegraphs that in the Canadian House of Commons Mr. Foster, the Minister for Naval Affairs, resumed the debate on the naval programme. He pointed out that Canada's contribution did not mean the abandonment of her permanent policy. Nothing would so hearten the outlying parts of the Empire as the news that Canada had at last ranged herself with the other Dominions in the defence of the Motherland. He condemned the idea that Canada was holding aloof from the vortex of militarism in Europe, pointing out that the menace was there and the crisis would be there and there the decision would be made. If the present measure was blocked, it would mean a delay of two years, and meantime the fate of the Empire might be decided.

## THE LATE MR. WHITELAW REID.

## UNITED STATES ACCEPTS BRITAIN'S OFFER.

LONDON, Dec. 19.  
The United States has accepted the offer of Great Britain to convey the body of Mr. Whitelaw Reid to his native land.

The cruiser "Fatah" will convey the body of the late Mr. Whitelaw Reid to the United States, and it sails from Portsmouth on Saturday. Troops will escort the remains to Portsmouth.

## BEWARE OF COLDS.

CHILDREN are much more likely to contract the contagious diseases when they have colds. Whooping cough, diphtheria, scarlet fever and consumption are diseases that are often contracted when the child has a cold. This is why it is so important to keep children healthy and to see that they are properly dressed and protected from colds.

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## THE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.

## A MOMENTARY SENSATION.

LONDON, Dec. 19.  
A momentary sensation was caused by the Turkish delegates hurrying alone from the Conference after it had been sitting for only an hour, but the announcement was almost immediately made that the proceedings had been adjourned till Saturday. The adjournment was necessitated by the fact that the Turkish delegates had received no instructions from their Government. Special couriers are bearing dispatches to them.

## TURKS' OBJECTION WAIVED.

It is stated in Constantinople that the Porte has directed the Turkish delegates to the Peace Conference to agree to negotiate with the Greeks without insisting that Greece shall first sign the armistice.

## (Wah Tan Yat Po's Service.)

## RUSSIAN LEGATION TROOPS.

PEKING, Dec. 20.  
The troops in the Russian Legation at Peking have been increased to 500—nearly double their usual number.

## CHINESE RAILWAYS IN KALGAN.

## LARGE ORDER FOR GERMANY.

(Wah Tan Yat Po's Service.)  
The Chinese War Department have decided to buy provisional railways in Kalgan, and have ordered fourteen trains from Germany.

## AN IDEAL HUSBAND.

## Second Performance.

Last night the second performance of "An Ideal Husband" was given at the Theatre Royal before a very good house, the audience including Sir Henry and Lady May, Miss May and a party from Government House.

## SPORTING.

## Rugby Football.

INTERPORT WITH SHANGHAI.  
A cable has just been received from Shanghai to the effect that they will be unable to send a team down at Christmas. In view of the advanced stage of the arrangements, much disappointment is felt locally that this fixture will not take place, particularly as previous advice appeared to be very rosy.

The following have been selected to play for the Club v. the Navy in the Cup Match to-morrow at 4 p.m.—Full back, T. E. N. Robin; three-quarter backs, B. Chapman, H. S. Rouse, V. M. Grayburn and P. Sutherland; half backs, A. A. Claxton and Jasper Clark; forwards, A. Murdoch, S. B. D. McElderry, A. P. Doune, H. G. Hearty, T. J. Fisher, D. Walker, Chas. C. Stark and A. N. O'Neil.

The British India Steam Navigation Company have contributed £500 to the London School of Tropical Medicine Fund.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending December 7 amounted to 23,073.35 tons and the sales during the period to 22,056.09 tons.

It is understood, says a Peking report, that in view of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank's disinclination to enter into any arrangement with Messrs. Birch, Orlip and Co., the Chinese Minister in London is requesting the Foreign Office to endeavor to bring about an agreement between the two groups.

## PERFECTLY SAFE.

NEVER before have giving Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to children been so common as now. It is so perfectly safe and so effective in its action that it can be given with perfect confidence. It is a quick cure for colds and coughs, and is so pleasant in its taste that children will take it with pleasure. It is a perfect safety for all children.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

## THE TRAMWAY BOYCOTT.

(To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL.")

Sir,—May I ask for space in your valuable columns to say a few words on the boycott of the tram at present prevailing?

I do not know if I am right, but, from the first mention of the decision of the Tramway Co. to accept only Hongkong currency, it has seemed to me that a far easier, more convenient, and certainly more profitable course would have been to demand one cent extra on any ticket paid for in Chinese currency, this irrespective of the nationality of the passenger or the amount of the fare. This would have given the public a chance to get accustomed to this change of coin demanded and would, I think, have appealed to them; Chinese and European alike, through a sensitive channel—the pocket—while at the same time more than covering the difference between the two currencies. This "probationary" state of things having been allowed for, say for three months, there would have been (in all probability) no difficulty in definitely refusing Chinese coin at the end of that time, if from the commencement of the three months' "probation" the decision or order had been clearly stated in Chinese characters on the back of each ticket. For Europeans a notice in each newspaper would have been all that was necessary.

Now, that the boycott is itself a fact, it appears most difficult to say what may result.

In all fairness one must admit that it is impossible to force any individual to use a tram-car as a means of locomotion against his or her will. Equally it is the right of every citizen to employ rickshaw or launch if he be in a position to pay for hire of same.

As regards legislative measures being adopted, I personally, do not see what possible form such measures could take that would infallibly bring about the desired result.

On the other hand, such measures being taken tentatively and failing would assuredly place us in a far from dignified or enviable position. After all is said and done it is not with us, the handful of Europeans in China, as it was so long ago, with the hooves and the fishes—what are we among so many?

Yours, etc.,

Hongkong, Dec. 19.

(Note:—"Proctor's" idea of the additional cent and the question of monetary notice are, in the main, satisfactory statements; but we really must except to the concluding phrase as to "What are we among so many?" Does Proctor forget the existence of the "Boy Scouts"? What are the "many" among us? We should deplore anything of a turbulent nature taking place between the "many" and our poor selves; but can there be any question of us again being, as in the past, one (or two) too many for the "many."—Ed. C.M.)

## SHANGHAI PLAYGOERS' SOCIETY.

(To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL.")

Sir,—The feeling has been growing for some time in Shanghai—and quite possibly also in your town—that Western playgoers in Asia are not satisfactorily catered for. The founding of the Shanghai Playgoers' Society a few weeks ago is the first evidence of an effort to remedy the present state of affairs. A strong Committee has been formed here, including Sir H. W. de Saussure, Chief Justice of the British Courts of China, Col. A. A. S. Barrow, Commandant of the Shanghai Volunteers, Mr. V. Grosse, Consul-General for Russia, Mr. J. E. Hingham, one of the best known accountants in the East, Mr. A. W. U. Pope, C.I.E., General Manager of the Shanghai-Nanking Railway, Mr. Figgis, Manager of the Deutsch-Asiatische Bank, Dr. Ransom, U.S. Medical Officer, Rev. Chas. Spurgeon Medhurst, a noted scholar, and others better known locally.

A constitution has been adopted and for your information I enclose a copy of same. The clause of our constitution in which I would particularly draw the attention of your readers is the one reading "The objects of the Society shall be to promote and encourage interest in the Drama and Opera by such means (including co-operation with kindred societies) as the Committee may from time to time determine."

It is our intention to collect all available information which might prove useful to managers, such as cost of hiring theatres, their seating capacities, and how much money they hold, steamer routes and rates, hotel tariffs, etc. We feel, however, that we can only hope for a very limited success if the Shanghai Playgoers' Society stands alone. The words in the above quoted clause of our constitution "including co-operation with kindred societies" are therefore of great importance and my object in writing you (by instructions of my Committee) is to suggest the formation of a similar society in your town. We have not had much difficulty in starting our Society and have already over 200 members, and a small suite of furnished rooms which will shortly be equipped with a plentiful supply of current literature dealing with the art and business of public entertainments. If one of your readers interested in this movement will kindly communicate with me I shall write him fully, giving all the information I can as to how we made a start here. What has been done here can be done in your town, and in many other white-man centres in Asia. When a number of societies have been formed we can then establish a Playgoers' Federation, or a League of Playgoers' Societies, and the influence such a body would exert must be evident to any one.

Thanking you in anticipation for kindly finding space for the above in an early issue of your paper,

I am, dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,  
CAMPBELL HENDERSON,  
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## Malaya." They are made by a French

## firm in France, and are lower than the

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## are very luxuriously fitted up.

## A. Calcutti, with dated November 20,

## states that when the P. and O. mail

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MANILA, CEBU & LULUIO	KICHOW	Dec. 24, at 4 p.m.
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SHANGHAI .....	WATSENG ... SUNDAY,	Dec. 22, Daylight
SHANGHAI .....	MUHSANG ... SUNDAY,	Dec. 22, Daylight
GADJAN .....	KINGSUNG ... MONDAY,	Dec. 23, at 3 p.m.
BEIJING & CHEN WANTAO	.....	.....
& BEIHANG .....	MZUSANG ... MONDAY,	Dec. 23, at 3 p.m.
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To-day's Advertisements

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

IN accordance with Ordinance No. 5 of 1912 the EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the transaction of Public Business on WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, the 25th and 26th instant, and WEDNESDAY, the 1st of January, 1913. Hongkong, December 20, 1912. 1597

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Mails will close for: FORT BAYARD. Per Chongwa at 9 a.m., on Saturday, the 21st Dec.

BATAVIA, SAMARANG, SOERABAYA & MACASSAR. Per Tjilatjap at 10 a.m., on Saturday, the 21st Dec.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS. Per Fuzuzang at 1 p.m., on Saturday, the 21st Dec.

MACAO. Per Suai Tat at 1.15 p.m., on Saturday, the 21st Dec.

AMOI & SHANGHAI. Per Tjilatjap at 2 p.m., on Saturday, the 21st Dec.

JAPAN VIA NAGASAKI. Per Benigawa at 2 p.m., on Saturday, the 21st Dec.

SWATOW. Per Haiman at 3 p.m., on Saturday, the 21st Dec.

SHANGHAI & NORTH CHINA. Per Liangchow at 5 p.m., on Saturday, the 21st Dec.

Per Kiangchow at 5 p.m., on Saturday, the 21st Dec.

Per Waiyang at 5 p.m., on Saturday, the 21st Dec.

JAPAN VIA YOKOHAMA. Per Upoda at 5 p.m., on Saturday, the 21st Dec.

JAPAN VIA MOI. Per Benigawa at 5 p.m., on Saturday, the 21st Dec.

SWATOW, AMOI, & FORMOSA VIA TAMSUI. Per Dejin Maru at 9 a.m., on Sunday, the 22nd Dec.

SHANGHAI & NORTH CHINA. Per Kiangchow at 2 p.m., on Monday, the 23rd Dec.

SANDAKAN. Per Haiman at 2 p.m., on Monday, the 23rd Dec.

TSINGTAU, WEIHAWEI & CHEFOO. Per Haiman at 3 p.m., on Monday, the 23rd Dec.

SWATOW, AMOI, & FOCHOW. Per Haiman at 5 p.m., on Monday, the 23rd Dec.

SEANGHAI & NORTH CHINA. (Europe via Siberia). Per Haiman at 5 p.m., on Monday, the 23rd Dec.

SHANGHAI, NORTH CHINA, JAPAN VIA NAGASAKI, HONOLULU, CANADA, UNITED STATES & SOUTH AMERICA VIA SAN FRANCISCO. (Europe via Siberia). Per Chyo Maru, on Saturday, the 21st Dec.

Printed Matter and Samples at 10 a.m. Registration at 10.15 a.m. (Registration with late fee of 10 cents up to 10.45 a.m.)

Letters at 11 a.m. Late Letters 11 a.m. to noon. Extra Postage 10 cents.

Extra Postage 10 cents. Letters posted for all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first carriage will be included in this contract mail.

The Parcel mail will be closed on Friday, the 20th Dec. at 5 p.m.

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HONGKONG TIDES.

The tide table given below has been compiled at the Nautical Almanac Office in London from the result of the analysis of observations taken by means of an automatic tide-recording machine in the Water Police Basin at Tsim Sha Tsui during the years 1887-89.

The zero of the table corresponds with the zero of the soundings in the Admiralty Charts which has been found to be 4 feet 3 inches below mean sea level.

To obtain the depth of water on the tide gauge at the Victoria Naval Yard add 1 foot 4 inches, and on the gauge at Lamou Dock, Aberdeen, add 10 feet 6 inches to the height given in the table.

December 21st to 27th, 1912.

Time	High Water	Low Water
21st	11.45	5.15
22nd	11.40	5.10
23rd	11.35	5.05
24th	11.30	5.00
25th	11.25	4.55
26th	11.20	4.50
27th	11.15	4.45

THE CHINA MAIL

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- The Hongkong Hotel.
- The Hongkong Ferry Wharf.
- The Kowloon Ferry Wharf.
- The Kiook, Blake's Place.
- The Upper Peak Tram Station.
- The Lower Peak Tram Station.
- Leung Ming (Astor House Hotel).
- Lau Ping Kee (Astor House Hotel).
- Ah Choo (Queen's Road).
- Wo Cheong (D'Aguilar Street).
- Rattonee & Son (Kowloon).
- Hong Cheong (Kowloon).

SHARE LIST—QUOTATIONS.

DECEMBER 20, 1912.

Stocks	No. of Shares	Value	Paid up	Closing Quotations
BANKS.				
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Corp.	120,000	\$120	all	\$395, buyers (London, \$34.10)
MARINE INSURANCE.				
Canton Insurance Office Co., Ltd.	10,000	\$250	\$50	\$270
China Traders Insurance Co., Ltd.	10,000	\$250	\$50	\$270
North-China Insurance Co., Ltd.	10,000	\$250	\$50	\$270
Union Insurance Society, Ltd.	10,000	\$250	\$50	\$270
Yangtze Insurance Assoc., Ltd.	10,000	\$250	\$50	\$270
FIRE INSURANCE.				
China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$200	\$20	\$146, buyers
Hongkong Fire Insur. Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$200	\$20	\$146, buyers
DOCKS, ETC.				
H'kong & W'poo Dock Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$50	all	\$57, sellers
New Amoy Dock Co., Ltd.	10,000	\$10	all	\$11, buyers
Shanghai Dock & Eng. Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$50	all	\$57, sellers
STEAMSHIPS, TUGS, ETC.				
China and Manila S.S. Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$20	all	\$24, buyers
Douglas Steamship Co., Limited	20,000	\$20	all	\$24, buyers
H.K. & M. S. S. Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$20	all	\$24, buyers
Indo-China S. S. Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$20	all	\$24, buyers
Star Ferry Company, Ltd.	30,000	\$30	all	\$37, sellers
Shell Trans. & Trd. Co., Ltd.	2,500,000	\$25	all	\$111
Shanghai Tug & Lighter Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$20	all	\$24, buyers
do Preference	10,000	\$10	all	\$11, buyers
REFINERIES.				
China Sugar Company, Limited	20,000	\$20	all	\$106, sellers
Luoson Sugar Company, Limited	7,000	\$70	all	\$34, sellers
WHAVERIES.				
H.K. & K. Wharf & Godown Co.	60,000	\$60	all	\$77, sellers
Shanghai & Haiphong Wharf Co.	60,000	\$60	all	\$77, sellers
LANDS AND BUILDINGS.				
Hongkong Land Investment & Agency Company, Limited	50,000	\$50	all	\$105
S'hai Land Investment Co., Ltd.	78,000	\$78	all	\$105
Kowloon Land & Building Co.	6,000	\$60	all	\$38, buyers
Wai-bai-wei Land & Building Co.	5,674	\$56	all	\$38, buyers
Humphreys Estate & Finance Co.	150,000	\$150	all	\$38, buyers
West Point Building Co., Ltd.	12,500	\$125	all	\$38, buyers
TRAMWAYS.				
The Peak Tramway Co., Ltd.	25,000	\$25	all	\$111, buyers
do	50,000	\$50	all	\$111, buyers
MINING.				
Chinese Engin. Mining Co., Ltd.	1,000,000	\$10	all	\$5, sellers
Trench Mines, Limited	100,000	\$10	all	\$5, sellers
Heavood Tin & Rub. Estate, Ltd.	288,000	\$288	all	\$5, buyers
Reub. Ass. Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	200,000	\$200	all	\$5, buyers
HOTELS, ETC.				
Hongkong Hotel Company, Ltd.	12,500	\$125	all	\$115, sales & sellers
Mailla Metropole Hotel, Ltd.	15,000	\$150	all	\$115, sales & sellers
Asok House H. Co., Ltd. (S'hai)	80,000	\$80	all	\$115, sales & sellers
DISPENSARIES.				
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited	50,000	\$50	all	\$4, buyers
Watkins, Limited	10,000	\$10	all	\$4, buyers
MISCELLANEOUS.				
Green Island Cement Co., Ltd.	400,000	\$400	all	\$4, buyers
United Asbestos Oriental	2,000 only.	\$20	all	\$4, buyers
Aglooy, Limited	100,000	\$100	all	\$4, buyers
Union Waterboat Co., Limited	50,000	\$50	all	\$4, buyers
Hongkong Dairy Farm Co.	40,000	\$40	all	\$4, buyers
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	5,000	\$50	all	\$4, buyers
Shanghai Waterworks Co., Ltd.	16,850	\$168	all	\$4, buyers
H.K. Repe Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$60	all	\$4, buyers
H.K. & S. C. S. Fisheries Co., Ltd.	15,000	\$150	all	\$4, buyers
H'kong Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	125,000	\$125	all	\$4, buyers
Ewo Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Limited	30,000	\$300	all	\$4, buyers
Maestachoppo to Mijlo, Ewo	350,000	\$350	all	\$4, buyers
China Provident Loan Mort-	200,000	\$200	all	\$4, buyers
gag Co., Limited	60,000	\$60	all	\$4, buyers
China Borneo Company, Limited	1,200	\$12	all	\$4, buyers
Campbell, Moore & Co., Limited	15,000	\$150	all	\$4, buyers
Wm. Powell, Limited	6,000	\$60	all	\$4, buyers
South China Morning Post	50,000	\$50	all	\$4, buyers
China Light & Power Company	50,000	\$50	all	\$4, buyers
Steam Laundry Co., Limited	30,000	\$30	all	\$4, buyers
Walsmann, Limited	5,000	\$50	all	\$4, buyers
Ganda Price & Co., Limited	50,000	\$50	all	\$4, buyers
Societe des Pulpes et Papete-	15,000	\$150	all	\$4, buyers
ries du Tonkin	15,000	\$150	all	\$4, buyers
H'kong Steel Foundry Co., Ltd.	15,000	\$150	all	\$4, buyers
Hongkong Tramway Co., Ltd.	325,000	\$325	all	\$4, buyers
CABLE COMPANIES.				
Philippine Co., Limited	75,000	\$75	all	\$4, buyers
do	15,000	\$15	all	\$4, buyers
First Rubber in London: Daily wire	per	\$5.	all	\$4, buyers
LOAN.				
Amount	Value	Interest	Quotations	
Chinese Imperial 1886	Tls. 767,320	Tls. 2507 1/2 p. annum	Pay.	
YERKON and SMITH, Share-Brokers.				

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